

THE NEW

# DESIGN<sup>5</sup>

OF THE

## Papists Detected :

OR, AN

# ANSWER

To the LAST

## SPEECHES

OF THE

### Five Jesuits lately Executed.

VIZ,

John White *alias* Whitebread, William Harcourt *alias* Har-  
rison, John Gavan *alias* Gawen, Anthony Turner and  
John Fenwick.

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Two very different Opinions are continually past upon the late Executed Jesuites, and their Traiterous Accomplices, some ( upon just grounds as they are well satisfied they may ) disclaim against them, not only for the Horrid Treasons, of which they were convicted; and more especially for their damnable Impiety, invoking at their last hour, the dreadfull Judgment of Gods Eternal Wrath after that of mans Justice impendent upon their heads and Souls, if they were not innocent as new born child, from the crimes fully proved against them, to the satisfaction of Judge, Jury, and a numerous judicious audience.

Others contrariwise either admit or suppose they may be innocent, require clearer proof, or doubt of their guilt; and that because of those imprecations, which seem to others the highest agravations of exalted villany.

1. Because all desperate villains do not only generally but universally practise the protestations of their innocence at death, and rarely confess their complices or betray them, which their confessions might do.

2. These people, even in harsher terms practise and teach their disciples and penitents so at their execution to deny all and protest innocence, endeavouring to increase an *Odium* on Protestant Magistrates & Government, and to make all Flagitious persons of their Church, for want of better, pass for real Martyrs; As on the contrary, it turns to their very great advantage, because nothing more advances a cause or doctrine than a Holy life and a patient death of them who own it.

As nothing more prejudices Religion, than many Criminals executed in publick, and their virtuous Lives who profess it. This is therefore one of the most Hellish Matchbivial Policies of Rome, to turn arguments into objections, and objections into arguments, or change by their artifices martyrs into traitors, and martyrs into Heretics.

3. Their confessions at this time, beside the scandal, which is a crime so sinous with them, that all grosser vices are tollerated whereby to avoid, would endanger their chiefs in custody, hazzard the whole frame of their design, discourage its conductors and followers, quail their hopes and faith, harm their worthies, betray their fame, expose to the hate of all posterity all their orders and Religious gain, or utterly defeat the whole plot, and loose the charges and counsels bestowed on it.

4. We ought more to admire at the obstinate adhesion of so many where they lodged, conversed, &c. none coming to impeach them, or for to see the truth testified against them, except Sarah Paine, Mr. Jenison, Bedlam, Dng. ale, and Frans. c.

5. The impudence of those who testify Warner and Oates beyond the  
Seas, reland in Warwickshire, Wales, &c. than which nothing is known to be  
more false.

6. The vast hope of having the wealth and power of these three  
Kingdoms, to protect, serve and promote them and their designs.

But let me now hear the words of their flourishing Orator *Gavan*...

Thus he brazened it out:

*As for Mr. Oates and Mr. Dugdale, wh<sup>o</sup> I call God to witness, have  
brought me by false oathes to this untimely End, I heartily forgive them.*

This passage if it had been inserted before his renunciation of equivocation, pardon, absolution, dispensation, &c. I confess I am not so well read in their morals, as to know how by their own rules to digest it; for as it is a lye, it must necessarily require some absolution, or somewhat equivalent, though it had been (as he believes it is) for the best cause ever any man in his condition did lye or sin venially, and one nimble crose (if his hands were not tyed) might salve it for ought I know. And perhaps some *Pater-Nosters* of his dignified auditors, as *Pandell*, *Carlyl*, &c. their confessors, or some others, might secure this poor soul from passing the dreadfull gulf of purgatory. At worst their affection and passing to Martyrdom for so excellent a cause and design: and baptism in blood did salve all the by-past infant sins, infirmities or defects of these new-born martyrs. If any of the Learned *Romanists* can help me more candidly to interpret this mans wordes I desire his assistance and pardon for intruding into mysteries scarce ever so Practised, as by these master-politicians and divines in this present case.

I cannot but acknowledge this *Gavans* whole discourse very artificially Composed; For what he affirms of his innocency, and no Guilt of any crime that needed not any pardon, &c. for the Fact was meritorious; in his words therefore there were no Equivocations so farre, And had he said, *Dugdale's* and *Oates* oathes had been milicious, he might have been more Candidly interpreted, as one who judged they had Gain, or other world-ly advantages to prompt them to what they swore: but to say they were False in such particular matters of Fact as his own Conscience testifies with them to be true; For this, if his obstinate death, direction of his intention for Catholique good; or some other salvo which occurs not to me at present, amongst their many pious frauds help him not: I see not but that he is highly perjured, and his soul lost desperately, only he may possibly with the *Irish-Tory* murderer repent, feel and find mercy in the rope: which that my charity may not be inferiour to his, I wish to the worst of these Villains, though towards us, we should long ere this, had not Heaven blasted their designs, have found their tender mercies to have

hat the true sense and artifice of Mr. Gawan's speech may be rightly understood, we must observe the Method of it, and the principles of Author.

or the method; He doth nowhere positively deny any matter of fact, charged against him, or his Fellows; nor that the Pope hath right unto, or hath resumed the Kingdom of *England*; or that he hath communicated or deposed the King; or delivered to the Secular Arm, the people of *England* to be destroyed by the French &c. He doth only implicitly deny the matters of Fact sworn by Oates and Dugdale, when he saith their Oaths false.

In this his assertion he promises not any sincerity, nor renounces Equivocations, nor Absolutions, &c. So that he seems purposely, and craftily to have waved that protestation where it most needed, and have usurped it where he had no need to relieve himself by it: For certainly, he might very well say, as he believed, That he was not criminal in what he did, in obedience, compliance, and concurrence with his Hollis, and the General of their Order, their Vote, sense, or sentence against our King and Kingdom. I believe, that all the Jesuits that ever did, shall suffer, may take their pattern from his speech, if it be not some original and directory form; as their so rigorous adhesion to the pretence of the Innocency of an unborn Child, smacks very rankly of a form prescribed, from which they might not recede.

And the truth is, if we consider, 'tis of vast Importance to their Church, that every word they speak at their Death, should be made good and irrefragable to so many several sorts of men.

1. Papist Bigots, who must be cherished in their blinde Zeal to the Church, and kept in opinion of their good Fathers Sanctity; since to them (perhaps) such foul crimes might be somewhat scandalous, and not in their eyes to look about them, and consider to what strange conduct they have trusted their Souls.

2. Great persons, Favourers and Encouragers; as the Lords in the Tower, and others of eminent quality; who would certainly have been disabused, nay, further endangered by such a confession.

3. Moderate Papists who should the Plot appear bare-faced, would by apt to start at so hideous and monstrous a Sight; and consequently, abandon their religion that allowed such detestable Impieties.

4. The Jansenists, old Enemies to the Jesuits; who would be glad of such advantage, and never fail to upbraid them with it.

5. Simple Protestants, on whom they have designes; and to have converted, had been for ever to have frightened them from Popery: but thus stiffly to stand it out, may gain their weak opinion of the sufferers Innocence, and that Opinion will conciliate them.

and that pity, engag them some steps towards the party.

6. The *Conscions*, who will hereby be confirm'd to proceed in trayter attempts, when they see their leaders go on so couragiouſly without balking; and neither discovering them, nor acknowledging their own crime, but rather, justifying the attempts, as well-pleasing to Heaven, when they durſt so ſolmaly make appeals thereunto of innocence.

On all these, and divers others most cogent considerations, I ſee nott they could do otherwise; nor indeed, had been to be trusted by ſo wiſe State, if they ſhould not have been content to have received, and obſeſe ſo curious a form of compurgation, as might hereafter be defended againſt ſheretical ſophiſters, as my ſelf will paſſ for amongſt them.

If ſome ancient Orators were ſo exact, as to pen their Orations with circuſpection, that ſome have daſed to ſay, the clubb might be for from *Hercules*, ſooner than one word from their context; I can very eaſily allow the Church of *Rome*, which is ſo exact and formal in every thing, have preſcribed ſome directory to all her martyrs, according to which they are to dye, as well as ſhe hath preſcribed them Forms very rigorous, to and pray by; So that, there is litt'e of ingenuity left in, or to be expell'd in the *Roman* world: and ſuppoſing the impoſed Forms universallly preſ'd, it wou'd be eq'ually as great an imposſibility to know where true Paſſe were in their petiſions, as where truth and ſincerity were in confeſſion. The *opus operatum*. lip labour and obedience, ſalving all to God, as well men; and it wou'd be a ſiare, as to no purpoſe, to pray or ſpeak what other others underſt o'd or meant by our ceremonies or prayers; provided the Church but underſtood her ſelf, & God underſtood her; whiſt eaſt a Soul preſent, underſtood themſelves, or one another in what they preſed, what they did, or knew whiſter or which way they went.

Suppoſe then (as we have good cauſe) theſe Jeſuites had as good or and warrant for what they propoſe, of the deſign of murdering the King, as they had for that of Sir *Edm. G.* and other muſters; who but men and diſtracted and not inſtructed in their principles, would expeſt that they ſhould confeſſ themſelves criminal; ſo we iimagine that our Caſtains at ſea with their letters of Mar, ſhould confeſſ themſelves Pyraſes or thofe at Land, muſterers, when they obſerve their Prince's Orders in telline or Forraigne Wars: If the ſovereign power of Prince's muſters acknowledg'd ſind ſuch Favor, that none are haoged but have quaſe with reſpect to their coimissions, or thofe whom they fight under, we may allow the ſupream Maſteſty of the Paſacy acknowledg'd ſo far over Europe; to juſtify though not to us hereticks, yet to all the world and themſelves, thofe Acts for which they have order, Coimission,

ority, humane, and divine, as good as his Title which he pretends to Crown of England by both those rights, and for any Catholick to set of it, were a very great heresy, and would shake the very Foundations of the Roman bierachy, the plenary of their power & infallible conclusions to what concerns the propagation of their Kingdom and doctrine.

to demonstrate, that these Hypocritical Harrangues were directed, and described by a certain method and Formulary, be pleased to consider exactly they Tune all their pipes to one Key. For Example.

Whitebread says, I go out of the World as Innocent, & as free from any-  
harm, Innocent--of any--Fenwick, Innocent--Gavan, Innocent--  
Turner—To declare upon Oath my Innocence. &c.

Whitebread, Guilt of those things laid to my Charge in this matter  
of my court--thing laid to my charge concerning the matter for which I dye.  
Fenwick-- of what is laid to my charge of plotting the Kings death , sub-  
verting the Government,

Gavan, of those treasonable crimes which Mr. Oates, and Mr Dugdale swore  
against me.

Turner, of that horrid crime of treason with which I am falsely accused.  
Whitebread. As I came into the World from my mothers womb.

Turner, As the Child Unborn.

Whitebread. As the child yet unborn, & that I know nothing of it, but what I  
have learned from Eu. & Os. & what comes originally from them.

Turner. As the Child unborn. Turner, As the child that is unborn.

Whitebread, No body upon Earth can authorise me so to do.

Turner. Renounce, abhor and detest license to commit perjuries, &c.  
Turner. Utterly renounce pardons, dispensations for lies, perjury, regicide.  
Turner. makes no use of equivocation, mental reservation, material prelud-  
ition, nor dispensation from the Pope, or any else; or of any Oath of  
secrecy, nor absolution in confession, or out of confession, to deny, hide,  
or palliate the truth, but in the plain sense which the words bear.

Whitebread, Those who have most Falsly accused me.

Gavan. Oates. and Dugdale, who (I call God to witness) by false oaths have  
brought me to this Untimely death.

Turner. Those which have falsely accused me, or have had any hand in my death  
Turner. Prayes God to bless (but not preserve) his Majesty temporally  
and Eternally.

Turner. I pray God bless his Majesty, grant him a prosperous reign and  
is Consort the best of Queens.

Turner. Heartily desire of God to grant him a quiet & happy but not long reign.

Turner. God bless the King, and all the Royal Family & grant his Majesty  
prosperous Reign, and a Crown of Glory hereafter. Never

Whit. Never learnt, taught or believed, or had occasion or pretence  
Ga. Never in my life, did imagine or contrive the deposing or de-  
the King.

Whit To design or contrive death or Hurt to his Majesties person.  
Har. We hold it in all cases unlawful to Kill or Murther any per-  
much more our Lawful King now Reigning, whose Person and Ter-  
ritorioss, &c.

Ga. Protests; nor he in particular, nor Jesuits in general, how King  
King Doctrine, utterly abhor and detest it; i. e. that it is lawful for  
private person to kill a King, pagan, or Tyrant; but on the contrary  
all are bound to defend and preserve him.

Fen. Are ready to defend against any Opponent.

Whit. His Sacred person to the uttermost of their power.

Th. Should have discovered such a devilish Treason to the civil Magi-

Whit. This true plain sense of his Soul without equivocation, or  
servation.

Ga. do not make use of any Equivocation, mental Reservation, and  
material Prolocution.

Fen. I do utterly renounce all Pardons and Dispensations, &c.

Whereas in their Catholick sense, the crimes they suffered for, were  
Treason, because the King was deposed by the Pope; and conse-  
quently, so far from needing a pardon, that they were matter of Merit.

I will say nothing of the Impudence (for so I must call it) of Ma-  
ven, in denying that any Jesuits, but Mariana, ever Advanced the  
doctrine of Killing Heretical Kings; whereas all that have been Conv-  
in the Books of that Society, know it to be most False; and whoevel-  
peruse that excellent Treatise of the Reverend Bishop of Lincoln,  
emitted on that subject, shall satisfactorily find the contrary thereon  
fed; and that it is not only the Tenet of the Jesuits, but the Doc-  
trine of the Roman Church asserted both in Theory and Practice, by  
Popes, Councils, eminent Doctors. Now if a man could, under  
Circumstances, give himself the liberty of an Assertion so notoriously  
in a matter that did not so nearly concern himself (but only the Ora-  
was engag'd in) what Untruths can we think he would stick at  
Grand Concern, where in he had so many Obligations to sway him un-

Let not therefore the Papists Triumph on the Hectory Exit of  
their traitorous Martyrs, for 'tis no more than we Expected: Not le-  
wesk Protestants be Scandalized, to find those that made it their pur-  
pose to violate all Laws divine & humane in their lives, act quite con-  
trary sentiments and deportment of all True Christians at their  
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